

REMARKS

Claim Rejections

Claims 1-3 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Wang (U.S. 6,743,028). Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wang.

Drawings

It is noted that no Patent Drawing Review (Form PTO-948) was received with the outstanding Office Action. Thus, Applicant must assume that the drawings are acceptable as filed.

Amendments to Specification

Applicant has amended the specification as noted above to cure obvious grammatical and idiomatic inaccuracies. No "new matter" has been added to the original disclosure by the foregoing amendments to the specification.

New Claims

By this Amendment, Applicant has canceled claims 1-5 and has added new claims 6-11 to this application. It is believed that the new claims specifically set forth each element of Applicant's invention in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112, and define subject matter that is patentably distinguishable over the cited prior art.

The new claims are directed toward an electric card fastener for connecting an electric card (3) to a printed circuit board (2) comprising: two bases (1, 1a) spaced apart from a connector (21) located on the printed circuit board, each of the two bases having: a connecting portion (16, 16a); a cantilever (11, 11a) connected to the connecting portion at a connected end thereof, the cantilever having a restricted portion (13, 13a) located between the connected end and a free end thereof, each restricted portion selectively engaging one side of the electric card; a mounted portion (12, 12a) connected to the connecting portion at one end thereof and to the printed circuit board at a bottom thereof; and an extended portion (15, 15a) located between the mounted portion and the connecting portion.

Other embodiments of the present invention include: the restricted portion of each of the two bases has a protruding cambered shape; each of the two bases is formed from a single metal piece; the mounted portion of each of the two bases has at least one joint portion (14, 14a) protruding downwardly from the bottom thereof and connected to the printed circuit board; each of the at least one joint portion has two hooks (141, 141a) located on opposite sides thereof; and the mounted portion of each of the two bases is connected to the printed circuit board by surface mounting.

The cited reference to Wang teaches an electrical connector including two buckling arms (2) connected to a socket (1) and having a resilient arm (22), an insertion portion (21) inserted into the socket (1), and a base plate (23). The circuit board (3) is connected to the socket (1) at an end thereof, and connected to buckling grooves (221) of the resilient arm at opposing sides thereof.

Wang does not teach two bases spaced apart from a connector located on the printed circuit board; each of the two bases having an extended portion located between the mounted portion and the connecting portion; the mounted portion of each of the two bases having at least one joint portion protruding downwardly from the bottom thereof and connected to the printed circuit board; nor does Wang teach each of the at least one joint portion having two hooks located on opposite sides thereof.

It is axiomatic in U.S. patent law that, in order for a reference to anticipate a claimed structure, it must clearly disclose each and every feature of the claimed structure. Applicant submits that it is abundantly clear, as discussed above, that Wang does not disclose each and every feature of Applicant's new claims and, therefore, could not possibly anticipate these claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102. Absent a specific showing of these features, Wang cannot be said to anticipate any of Applicant's new claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

It is further submitted that Wang does not disclose, or suggest any modification of the specifically disclosed structures that would lead one having ordinary skill in the art to arrive at Applicant's claimed structure. Thus, it is not believed that Wang renders obvious any of Applicant's new claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

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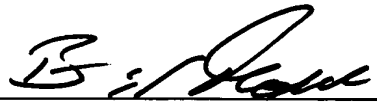
Summary

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Should any points remain in issue, which the Examiner feels could best be resolved by either a personal or a telephone interview, it is urged that Applicant's local attorney be contacted at the exchange listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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